



PTO/SB/01 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0851-0032

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**☐ Declaration  
Submitted  
With Initial  
Filing

OR

☐ Declaration  
Submitted after Initial  
Filing (surcharge  
(37 CFR 1.16 (e))  
required)Attorney Docket  
Number 4001.017

First Named Inventor Michael P. Kurtgis

**COMPLETE IF KNOWN**

Application Number 10/619,096

Filing Date 07/14/2003

Art Unit 3844

Examiner Name Shaw, Elizabeth Anne

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR PROVIDING FALL PROTECTION FOR A LOAD IN AN ELEVATED  
ENVIRONMENT**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 07/14/2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 10/619,096 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
				YES	NO
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

(Page 1 of 2)

This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 115 and 37 CFR 1.82. The information is required to obtain or maintain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 21 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



PTO/SB/01 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0551-0032

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

**DECLARATION — Utility or Design Patent Application**

Direct all correspondence to:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The address associated with Customer Number:	<b>*27324*</b> <b>27324</b>		OR <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence address below
Name: PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE					
Address					
City		State		ZIP	
Country		Telephone		Fax	
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.					
NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:			<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor		
Given Name (first and middle (if any))			Family Name or Surname		
MICHAEL P.			KURTGIS		
Inventor's Signature				Date 01-07-2005	
Residence: City Ft. Lauderdale		State Florida		Country U.S.	
Mailing Address 4101 S.W. 47th Avenue, Suite 106					
City Ft. Lauderdale		State Florida		Country U.S.A.	
Zip 33314					
NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR:			<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor		
Given Name (first and middle (if any))			Family Name or Surname		
Inventor's Signature				Date	
Residence: City		State		Country	
				Citizenship	
Mailing Address					
City		State		Country	
				Zip	

☐ Additional inventors or a legal representative are being named on the supplemental sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A or 02LR attached hereto.